**American Government**

**Civil Liberties**

**February 23, 2016**

***Instructions: As part of our unit on Civil Liberties you will be researching an important Supreme Court case that had a significant impact on issues pertaining to the Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties.***

***Through your research you will present a written and oral presentation on the court case. You should include all of the important information surrounding the case, the outcome, and its significance.***

***The written part of this assignment is worth 40 pts. and the oral presentation is worth 20 pts. – for a total of 60 pts.***

***All presentations will be due on Thursday, although we will not get to all of the presentations that day.***

**Court Cases:**

**1) Lemon v. Kurtzman 16) Gideon v. Wainwright, 1963**

*Ashton Adams Laura Mayernich*

**2) Minersville School District v. Gobitis, 1940 17) Furman v. Georgia, 1972**

*Matthew Alwan Jordan Munns*

**3) United States v. O’Brien, 1968**

*Joseph Beverlin*

**4) Tinker v. Des Moines School District, 1969**

*Mary-Katherine Cain*

**5) Schenk v. US, 1919**

*Grance Conner*

**6) Gregory v. Chicago, 1969**

*Sara Dains*

**7) Pierce v. Society of Sisters, 1925**

*Siobahn Devlin*

**8) Rochin v. California, 1952**

*Thomas Driscoll*

**9) Griswold v. Connecticut, 1965**

*Lucas Guthrie*

**10) Roe v. Wade, 1973**

*Jennifer Houser*

**11) Florida v. J. L. , 2000**

*Joshua Kelch*

**12) Minnesota v. Carter, 1999**

*Riann Kennedy*

**13) California v. Acevedo, 1991**

*Nick Kolbus*

**14) Mapp v. Ohio, 1961**

*Jacob Lacher*

**15) Barker v. Wingo, 1972**

*Miranda Mathus*

*The following students will research and present arguments on gun control. A class debate will be part of the assignment. Written arguments are worth 40 pts. Presentation debate is worth 20 pts.*

*Proposed Legislation:*

*I. Ban the manufacture and sale of “junk” guns, also called “Saturday Night Specials.”*

*[Nonsporting, low-quality handguns with short barrels and often without safety features].*

*Congress has banned the import of low-quality, easily concealed “junk” guns. However, they can be manufactured and sold in most, but not all, states. “Junk” guns routinely top the list of guns traced to crime.*

*II. Reintroduce the federal assault weapons ban that expired in 1994, closing the loopholes that had existed in federal bans on the importation, manufacture, and sale of assault weapons and the high-capacity ammunition magazines used in such weapons.*

*III. Strictly regulate high-caliber sniper rifles—or specifically, the 50-caliber military sniper rifles. Bullets from these rifles pierce police body armor. Congress should act quickly to bring them under the controls of the National Firearms Act, the 1934 federal law that currently governs the transfer and possession of extremely dangerous firearms such as machine guns and sawed-off shotguns.*

*Good source:* [*http://apps.americanbar.org/publiced/constitutionday/Teaching.pdf*](http://apps.americanbar.org/publiced/constitutionday/Teaching.pdf)

*but there are many others.*

*Pro: Anti:*

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